

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 106

By Yokley

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the board members, staff, and volunteers of the Cocke County Fair upon earning the distinction of 2004 Second Runner-Up to the Tennessee Association of Fairs' Champion of the AA Division.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it fitting to pay tribute to those events that provide education and entertainment to the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Cocke County A & I Fair is one such event, which was recently honored as the Second Runner-Up for the AA Division at the state convention; and

WHEREAS, only through the diligent work and dedication of the staff members and volunteers and the support of businesses, civic groups, and organizations throughout Cocke County could the Cocke County Fair have reached such a level of success; and

WHEREAS, committed to growth and improvement in 2004, those who contributed to the Cocke County Fair worked resolutely as a team to accomplish the organization's goal of producing an exceptionally enjoyable experience focused on agriculture and clean family fun; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Cocke County Fair, in conjunction with this year's volunteers, contributed countless hours throughout the year in order to assure the success of the event, thereby also ensuring success in the state competition; and

WHEREAS, Fair Manager and Secretary Libby Strange, whose fair-judging experience spans well over a decade, expressed that organizers diligently maintained records of all Fair and planning activities, collected and organized photographs exhibiting the festivities and improvements, and drafted a document as a testament to the Fair's excellence; and

WHEREAS, as part of the continuing efforts to expand and enhance the Cocke County Fair, over the past year the staff of the Cocke County Fair also contributed to the growth of the Fair by adding events, making structural and aesthetic improvements to the Fairgrounds, and generating more qualitative improvements; and

WHEREAS, a number of civic groups and businesses in the area cooperated with fair organizers to offer a wide range of participatory events, all of which were greatly enjoyed by fairgoers; and

WHEREAS, patrons young and old alike were encouraged to learn through such exhilarating live demonstrations, cooking shows, and chili and barbecue cookoffs which used mouth-watering Tennessee products; and

WHEREAS, the award of the 2004 Second Runner-Up recognizes the continuous efforts of the Cocke County Fair toward improvement and success; in addition to capturing this honor, the Cocke County Fair also received the esteemed Scrapbook AA award for maintaining the best fair scrapbook, which records the both the work and the rewards of putting on such a grand and festive event; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this Body pauses to acknowledge and applaud the hard work and dedication of the fair's staff and volunteers in their ceaseless endeavors to improve the week-long occasion for education and entertainment that is the Cocke County Fair; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the fair board members, staff, and volunteers of the Cocke County Fair for their tremendous service to the people of Cocke County, congratulate them upon its most deserved recognition as the 2004 Second Runner-Up, and extend our wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.